the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. As such the State Government are primarily concerned with the law and order situation, communal riots etc. However, information is being collected from the State Governments and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**New strategy of ISI**

2171. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 8th July, 1994 under the caption ISI changing strategy and they are helping to set up organisations in different parts of the country with the purpose of creating chaos, bloodshed among Hindus and Muslims by indulging in disinformation; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to counter the ISIs new strategy in creating chaos in our country?

THE MINSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) and (b). Government has seen the news-item and is aware of the designs of ISI of Pakistan to carry out espionage sub-version and sabotage in India, in a clandestine manner and is taking all necessary steps to combat and frustrate such objectives by gearing up the intelligence machinery, sharing of intelligence and coordinated action by the concerned Central and State agencies, strengthening the deployment of para-military forces at strategic locations intensified coastal as well as Inland patrolling, construction of border fencing and flood-lighting in vulnerable stretches of the Ido-Pak border etc. Appropriate instructions have also been issued to the Navy, Coast-Guards and Customs for carrying out intensive patrolling in the high seas as well as along the coastline. The out come of these efforts is being regularly monitored.

**Experts Reports about election in J & K**

2172. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to hold elections in Jammu and Kashmir on the basis of report submitted by experts on J&K; and

(b) if so, whether Government of India have started the political process in J&K enabling the political parties to contest the elections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) and (b). The Government remains committed to reactivation of the political process and the restoration of democratic institutions in this State of Jammu & Kashmir, but it is not possible to give any specific time-frame in this regard. Concerted efforts are being made to contain violence and create conditions conducive to holding of elections, despite the grave provocations and impediments being created by the vested interests. Discussions are being held on a continuing basis with the representatives of political groups with a view to activating the political elemens in the State Efforts are also being made to activate the local adminisration and to step up the pace of economic and development activity and employment opportunities with a view to bring the people into the mainstream and restore any environment of normalcy.

**Persons killed in the state of Jammu and Kashmir**

2173. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian people living in the State of Jammu and Kashmir and others not being the bonafied residents of this country, killed by the militants/terrorists and the security forces in the months of May, June and July, 1994; nationality-wise;

(b) whether the situation in some parts of Jammu and Kashmir has gone out of the hands of Government and security forces consequent to which the army had to be brought in;

(c) if so, the details of the areas where army has been deployed to control the militancy;

(d) the reasons for not declaring such areas as disturbed areas; and

(e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to restore normalcy in the State of Jammu and Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) 251 civilians including a U. S. National, 35 security force personnel, and 424 militants, including foreign nationals|mercenaries, were killed in Jammu & Kashmir during the months of May, June and July 1994.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The Army is deployed according to the needs of the situation as a part of the joint and coordinated efforts of the State Government and the security forces to curb the activities of the militants and conn tain violence in the State.

(d) Keeping in view the present situation it is not considered necessary to declare any other areas in the State as "disturbed".

(e) Sustained counter-militancy operations are being conducted in the State. The situation is being kept under close watch and review and whenever necesary the deployment of forces is being augmented in the vulnerable areas. Apart from intensified patrolling, security force pickets have also been deployed in such areas for providing protection to the people and for security of vital installations, etc.

**Seizure of arms and ammunition in Baramula District of Jammu and Kashmir**

2174. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a huge cache of sophisticated arms and ammunition was seized in Baramula district of Jammu and Kashmir State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether this reveals anoher Pakistani bid to arm terrorists in Kashmir, and if so, the Governments's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) As per available infomation, a large quantity of arms, ammunition and explosives, including 8 AK rifles, 1 UMG, rocket launchers grenades etc., were seized in an operation in Baramulla District on 15 July, 1994.

(c) Pakistan is continuing its policy of fuelling, aiding and abetting terrorism and subversion in Jammu and Kashmir by providing arms training, funds, sanctuaries and logistical support to the militants, and has continued to try and infiltrate subversive elements including foreign nationals and mercenaries into the State Apart from continuing sustained vigil and operations with a view to flush out militants, check infiltration and contain violence Government have strongly urged Pakistan on several occasions and at various levels to stop its support to subversion and terrorism in the State. Government have also apprised the international community of the dangers inherent in the support extended by Pakistan to terrorism.